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DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ASST SECY SISCO

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP EG US (GHORBAL, ASHRAF)

SUBJECT: GHORBAL'S TRAVEL PLANS

1. IN MY CALL ON ASHRAF GHORBAL TODAY, I ASKED WHEN HE EXPECTS TO PROCEED TO WASHINGTON. HE SAID THAT WHILE HE HAD INITIALLY INDICATED THAT HE PLANNED TO LEAVE ON THE 19TH, FAHMY HAS NOW SUGGESTED HE REMAIN UNTIL THE 26TH, WHICH IS THEREFORE HIS CURRENT ETD. HE WOULD PRESUMABLY ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON DAY OR SO LATER.

2. FAHMY HAD TOLD HIM HOWEVER THAT I HAD MENTIONED

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SECRETARY'S PLAN TO CALL ME BACK AROUND NOVEMBER 20 FOR

CONSULTATIONS. IF HE WENT AHEAD WITH ABOVE DEFERRED DEPARTURE, THIS WOULD MEAN NEITHER CAIRO NOR WASHINGTON WILL BE COVERED FOR ABOUT A WEEK'S TIME. I SUGGESTED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ONE OR ANOTHER OF THESE POSTS BE COVERED CONSTANTLY, AND GHORBAL AGREED. HE INDICATED THAT IF THE SECRETARY BELIEVES IT IS URGENT THAT I RETURN NOVEMBER 20, HE WILL AGAIN MOVE UP HIS TRAVEL PLANS TO LEAVE A DAY OR SO BEFORE. I GAINED IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DELAY UNTIL NOVEMBER 26 AND THAT IF POSSIBLE FAHMY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM HERE UNTIL THEN.

3. SUBJECT TO SECRETARY'S WISHES, I AM FULLY PRE-PARED TO REMAIN HERE UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER GHORBAL ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON BEFORE RETURNING FOR CONSULTATIONS. AT SUCH TIME AS I RETURN FOR CONSULTATIONS IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO ME, IF POSSIBLE, TO HAVE ABOUT A WEEK IN CARLISLE BARRACKS IN ORDER TO CLEAR MY ARMY WAR COLLEGE POST, WHICH I LEFT RATHER PRECIPITOUSLY, AND TO ASSIST IN PACKING. PLEASE ADVISE SECRETARY'S WISHES.

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